

PARKE FAMILY.

Parke family papers, 1817-1949 (bulk 1828-1945)

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Parke family.
Title: Parke family papers, 1817-1949 (bulk 1828-1945)
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 583
Extent: 4.5 linear feet (9 boxes) and 1 oversized papers box (OP)
Abstract: Collection of materials relating to the Parke family of Pennsylvania including correspondence, legal documents, genealogical records, photographs, clippings, scrapbooks, and other memorabilia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

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Source

Gift, 1979, with subsequent additions.

Citation

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

The Parke family produced many prominent leaders in religious, political, and civic life, including Pennsylvania lawyer Benjamin Parke (1801-1882); Robert Nathan Parke (1828-1907), minister in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the 1870's and 1880's; and Benjamin Parke's daughter Eunice Parke Detweiler, who was a leader in the Protestant Episcopal Church in

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Halifax (Pa.) circa 1862-1885. Other prominent family members include Robert N. Parke's son, Frederick Huntington Parke, a Westinghouse executive assigned to St. Petersburg, Russia (1889-circa 1902); Benjamin Parke Avery (1828-1875), journalist and U.S. minister to China in 1874-1875; and Frederick Huntington Park Jr. (b. 1916), who served in the Pacific during World War II.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of papers of the Parke family from 1817-1949. The papers include family correspondence, legal documents, and genealogical records (1705-1828). The bulk of the collection consists of the papers of Pennsylvania lawyer Benjamin Parke (circa 1838-1856). These include letters from family to Parke after he moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to take up the practice of law, reminiscences, clippings, and parts of a manuscript autobiography. Also included are the papers of Episcopal minister Robert Nathan Parke. These consist of an autobiography, a scrapbook of clippings regarding his work in the Protestant Episcopal Church (1870's-1880's), sermons (circa 1898), family correspondence, and memorabilia.

The collection also contains papers of Benjamin Parke Avery. Papers include correspondence with his wife (1861-1874), other family letters, genealogical information, and clippings concerning his assignment in China. The collection also includes the papers of Eunice Parke Detweiler and her daughter, Eunice Detweiler Parke (Mrs. Frederick Huntington Parke), documenting their lives in St. Petersburg, Russia (circa 1889-1902). Included are the papers of Frederick Huntington Park, which consist of photographs and correspondence from Frederick H. Parke Jr., to his sister Theodosia Parke (1945-1947) concerning the U.S. Army and World War II in the Pacific.

Arrangement Note

Unprocessed collection, roughly sorted by subject of material

Container List

Parke family

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Early family records: Unidentified legal document in fragments re Thomas Parke
1	2	Parke Genealogy "By the Name of Parke"
1	3	Rev. Joseph Parke materials: 2 photographs of Parke family home, clippings, letter, printed extracts from Presbyterian Church Records of Westerly, Rhode Island
1	4	Miscellaneous family papers including letters and documents re Theo Parke, Fredric Parke, Jr., Benjamin Parke, and Robert N. Parke; "Inventory of Bound and Loose Letters"
1	5	Folder of miscellaneous items including "Journal of Eunice Champlin Parke, 1825-1828"
1	6	Book, <i>Some Account of the Park Family and Especially of the Reverend Joseph Park, M.A., 1705-1777, and Benjamin Parke, LL.D., 1801-1882</i> . Westerly Rhode Island: Westerly Historical Society, 1917 (200 copies printed for private distribution)
1	7	2 pieces correspondence re Revolutionary articles placed in the Pennsylvania State Museum
1	8	Manuscript. Volume: Genealogy of Parke family by Col. Coyne, with loose manuscript items.
1	9	Small bound volume of reminiscences of Benjamin Parke. Cover missing, perhaps incomplete.
1	10	Folder of loose letters and papers, 1823-1866 (93 items)
1	11	Folder containing "Leaves from an Autobiography" by Benjamin Parke. These are mainly clippings from a newspaper, with handwritten notes. Some of the sections of the autobiography are in manuscript form. A note on the inside of the front cover reads "This book is intended and prepared for my eldest daughter Mary Eunice Parke Detweiler by her father Benjamin Parke. Parkevale, 1878".

Papers of Benjamin Parke (1801-1882)

2	1	Correspondence, 1828-1829, to Benjamin Parke
2	2	Correspondence, 1830-1832, to Benjamin Parke
2	3	Correspondence, 1833-1837, to Benjamin Parke
2	4	Correspondence, 1838-1847, to Benjamin Parke
2	5	Correspondence, 1848-1857, to Benjamin Parke
2	6	Correspondence, 1830-1835, to William C. Parke

Papers of Robert Nathan Parke, (1828-1907)

3		"Autobiography of Robert N. Parke, D.D." typed copy, 78 pp.
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- 3 Scrapbook, circa 1870's-1880's. Contains clippings about affairs in the Episcopal Church and about topics of historical interest (generally undated and unidentified, but scattered dates from 1870's-1880's); clippings re Dr. Robert N. Parke; clippings and letters re death of Dr. Parke; memorabilia.
- 3 Red octavo with "Nathan Parke" in gold lettering on front cover. *The Constitution of the State of New York-for 1827*. Albany, 1827 (two folded maps)
- 3 Robert Nathan Parke family correspondence, 1838-1846, 32 items
- 3 Documents: photograph (Robert N. Parke?); notice of conferral of D.D. degree, 1874; certificate of Ordination as deacon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1852.

Papers of Eunice Parke Detweiler and her daughter Eunice Detweiler Parke

- 4 Correspondence 1900-. Mainly letters to or about Eunice Champlin Parke, daughter of Frederic and Eunice D. Parke, born in St. Petersburg.
- 4 Frederic H. Parke and Frederic H. Parke, Jr. (41 items) photographs, clippings, certificates and documents.
- 4 Miscellaneous items re Mrs. Detweiler and Russia. Includes "Colonial Days" by Eunice Parke Detweiler; card for lectures by Mrs. Detweiler; photo of Mrs. Detweiler; postcards; typescript "Some Impressions of the Russian People."
- 4 Photographs. Mrs. Frederic H. Parke, circa 1899-1902, St. Petersburg. Photos of buildings, street scenes, family, acquaintances, interior of apartment
- 4 Scrapbook of Mrs. Eunice Parke Detweiler. Scrapbook kept while Mrs. Detweiler lived with her daughter's family in St. Petersburg. Includes clippings, photographs, invitations and memorabilia, and letters. One of the letters is from Anna Northend Benjamin
- 5 Scrapbook of Mrs. Eunice Detweiler Parke. Scrapbook begins with her marriage to Parke in 1899 and covers the years in Russia, 1899-circa 1902. Includes clippings, invitations, and calling cards from Detweiler-Parke weddings; also invitations, clippings, calling cards, programs, a few photographs and letters relating to their life in St. Petersburg.
- 5 Small scrapbook of Mrs. Eunice Parke Detweiler, circa 1862-1885. Contains letters, clippings, church notices and programs re Mrs. Detweiler's church work, primarily with St. Stephen's Church (Protestant Episcopal) in Halifax, Pa. Mrs. Detweiler organized the Sunday School and was its superintendent.

Benjamin Parke Avery

- 6 1 Biographical File: clippings, photographs, and poetry. Includes Notes from the National Archives, January 1945 (copy) and Notes from the National Archives, January 1948
- 6 2 Biographical File: Printed and memorial information.
- 6 3 Correspondence, 1861-1874, Benjamin Parke Avery
- 6 4 Descendants dealing with the California Historical Society, 9 letters

Genealogical information and miscellaneous material

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| 6 | 5 | Miscellaneous family letters, 1863, 1866, 1896, 1919 |
| 6 | 6 | Genealogical information |
| 6 | 7 | Eunice Park Detweiler correspondence 1912-1918, includes genealogical information. |
| 6 | 8 | Miscellaneous material |
| 6 | 9 | Various clippings and holographs concerning the Parke family |
| 6 | 10 | Fabric pouch embroidered by Mrs. Abigail Greene Parke |
| 6 | 11 | Diary and School report of a School Girl of 1851 |
| 6 | | "Californian Pictures in Prose and Verse" by Benjamin Parke Avery |
| 7 | 1 | Sermons of Frederick Parke |
| 7 | 2 | Sermons of Frederic Parke |
| 7 | 3 | Correspondence, 1946-1948, primarily from Frederick H. Parke Jr., to his sister Theodosia Parke; photographs |
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| 7 | 9 | Correspondence, undated |
| 7 | 8 | Baby book, Eunice Champlin Parke |
| 8 | | Correspondence, Frederick H. Parke Jr., to his sister Theodosia Parke |
| 9 | | Parke family correspondence, negatives and photographs, scrapbooks, certificates and diplomas, sermons, and other printed material, baby book and miscellaneous items. |
| OP1 | 1 | Diplomas; Certificates; Indenture, 1817 of Thomas Parke (1767-1842) |
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